

**ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013, 9:30 AM  
MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE HOME OF EUGENIA BROWN**

**I. ROLL**

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to Education Code 33353.2 (C), any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the North Bay League, will be heard at this time.

**III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2013 MINUTES**

**ACTION**

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013 athletic director's meeting

*Motion: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery*

*Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah*

*Passed: 8 - 0*

**IV. NBL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. NBL Track Championships**

Wednesday, May 8 and Friday, May 10

Host: Rancho Cotate

**B. Redwood Empire Track Championships**

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Host League: SCL; site to be determined

Meet director: Mike Bauman; 548-5131; [mikebspike@hotmail.com](mailto:mikebspike@hotmail.com)

**C. Boys' Tennis**

Singles Tournament: Maria Carrillo HS

a. Each school may send two singles players, so that a maximum of 16 players are involved. The top two players are seeded; the others are seeded by blind draw.

b. The singles tournament will be played on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20. On April 19, coaches will meet at 12:00 and matches will begin at 1:00. Saturday's matches will begin at 10:00. If this weekend is rained out, the tournament will be rescheduled for Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27.

Doubles tournament: Maria Carrillo HS

a. Saturday, April 20, beginning at 10:00 AM. There will be a coaches meeting at 9:00 AM for the doubles seeding. The final round will be on Friday, April 26 with matches beginning at 1:00 PM.

b. Each school may send two teams. The hosting team may provide a doubles team to fill the bracket if a member school does not send two teams.

**D. Badminton: NBL Qualifying Tournament**

a. Seeding & All-league meeting: Thursday, May 9, 6:00 PM, Elsie Allen HS, Room M1

b. Singles: Friday, May 10, 2013; Analy HS, 4:00 PM

c. Doubles and Mixed Doubles: Saturday, May 11, Piner HS, 8:30 AM

**E. NBL Swim**

a. Seeding meeting: Monday, May 6, 7:00 PM

b. NBL meet: Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, @ SRJC; Host school: Windsor

**F. NBL Baseball**

a. Wednesday, May 15 and Friday, May 17, at Santa Rosa Junior College

**G. CSADA Conference**

Nugget Hotel, Reno, Nevada

April 18 - 21, 2013

**V. NCS SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA, MARCH 4, 2013, ITEMS TABLED FROM**

**FEBRUARY 6 MEETING AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**IV. CIF ITEMS (tabled at February 6 athletic directors’ meeting**

**B. CIF FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TIE BREAKER**

As per NCS Commissioner Gil Lemmon, this item will not be proceeding to the CIF Federated Council

**C. GIRLS’ WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASS REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL**

**ACTION**

Attachment C

The Girls’ Wrestling Advisory Committee has endorsed a new weight class proposal indented to modify the existing weight classes and establish a more balanced approach for weight certification. The new proposed weight classes are as follows: 101, 106, 111, 116, 121, 126, 131, 137, 143, 150, 160, 170, 189, and 235. The approval and implementation of the proposed weight classes will provide a more accurate representation of where girls would actually weight-certify for competition. The current weight classes are: 98, 103, 114, 118, 122, 126, 132, 146, 154, 165, 189, and 235.

**Background:**

This proposal was intended to provide a more healthy environment for the female wrestlers to “make weight” in preparation for competition. Duane Morgan (CCS/CIF Wrestling Rules Interpreter) collected research data from the past three years using the NWCA Weight Management Program in which all wrestlers must participate prior to competition. From the data collected, the new proposed weight classes will provide more of a bell-shaped curve with a more even distribution between the weight class structure. The 4-pound differential between the 114-118-122-126 weight classes created a practice of girls waiting for the two-pound growth allowance on the January cut-off date and then dropping to the lower weight class, which is the opposite of the original intent of the 2-pound growth allowance. There was no weight class provided for the girls between 165 and 189 which created a dangerous gap for many girls that fit into a 170 and low 180 pound weight class. This proposal was designed to provide a healthier environment for female wrestlers and had a unanimous vote to move the proposal for further consideration.

**Analysis:**

This was a non-controversial issue with the Girls’ Wrestling Advisory Committee and the Commissioners’ Committee as it promotes a safe competitive environment for student-athletes. The implementation of the proposed weight classes will provide a more accurate representation of where the girls would actually weight-certify for competition.

| <b>Current Weight Class</b> | <b>Proposed Weight Classes</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 98                          | 101                            |
| 103                         | 106                            |
| 108                         | 111                            |
| 114                         | 116                            |
| 118                         | 121                            |
| 122                         | 126                            |
| 126                         | 131                            |
| 132                         | 137                            |
| 138                         | 143                            |
| 146                         | 150                            |
| 154                         | 160                            |
| 165                         | 170                            |
| 189                         | 189                            |
| 235                         | 235                            |

**Motion to support the changes recommended by the CIF.**

*Motion: Jake Fitzpatrick, Santa Rosa*  
*Second: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery*  
*Supported: 8 - 0*

**V. NCS ITEMS, ITEMS TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 6 MEETING AND NEW ITEMS**

**B. TEAM SPORT PARTICIPATION**

**ACTION**

Several sports already do this and it is very helpful to the at-large and seeding committees throughout the season to keep up with the teams. We would like all sports to follow suit to give the at-large and seeding committees the ability in the lesser publicized sports a chance to follow the results and have more information prior to the meetings. This will also help staff verify at-large applications, if there is a discrepancy on the at-large application. (Submitted and supported by NCS Staff).

*Note: this item was tabled at the last athletic directors' meeting until penalties for non-submission are defined by the NCS. In discussion with NCS Commissioner, it is not possible to amend the proposal until the actual SAC meeting. NCS suggest that the NBL athletic directors propose possible penalties for failure to follow this by-law and that the NBL commissioners propose these penalties at the SAC meeting.*

**Motion to support, with the penalty of non-participation in the NCS championships for non-compliance.**

*Motion: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery*  
*Second: Jake Fitzpatrick, Santa Rosa*  
*Supported: 8 - 0*

**E. NCS STAFF WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A CHANGE IN HOSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WINTER SOCCER.**

**ACTION**

Winter soccer facilities must have lights for contests scheduled during the week (Monday through Friday). Note: The first priority is always to play contests in the evening under lights, during the week. If neither participating school has a lighted field NCS staff will assign the contest to a lighted field. If NCS staff cannot place the game on a lighted field then the contest may be placed in the afternoon.

*Rationale: The majority of schools participating in winter soccer have lighted facilities. NCS faced a situation this year with a host school that did not have lights and NCS was faced with a doubleheader at the same school. With this situation staff was forced to assign game times of 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in order for both games to finish before it was too dark to continue. This would have created difficulties for both schools as both schools have to miss class and since the hosting school classes are not out there would be parking issues, people on campus during school, etc. This situation was resolved since the hosting school did have rental lights at the field and made last minute arrangements.*

**Motion to support this proposal.**

*Motion: Joe Stadum, Windsor*  
*Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah*  
*Supported: 7 - 1*

**VI. NCS NEW BUSINESS (ADDITIONAL ITEMS ADDED TO SAC AGENDA)**

**D. THE WACC WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE DELETION OF NCS SPORTS AND GENERAL RULINGS ITEM 504.H.f**

**ACTION**

Proposal by WACC to delete the following item:

~~In the sport of basketball, girls' and boys' volleyball, lacrosse, team tennis, water polo, softball and baseball, a team shall have compiled either an overall winning record for the season, or a winning record against teams in its own division/class, or a winning record in league competition in order to participate in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships. In the sports of football and soccer, a team shall have compiled either an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses, or an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses~~

against teams in its own classification, or an equal number of wins and losses against teams in league competition in order to participate in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships. (Board of Managers, 1/18/08)

*Rationale:*

*This item in the NCS Sports and General Rulings Handbook no longer serves the purpose for which it was originally intended. It is an anachronism.*

- 1. Originally, at-large and seeding decisions were made by individual three-person committees composed of "non-interested" parties who may or may not have any knowledge of the sport. Coaches were invited to the seeding meetings to make presentations to the committee and were allowed to make "corrections" to other's presentations. The meetings were frequently a bit unruly. I believe the language was originally intended to provide some order to the chaos: "don't apply and come to the meeting unless you have a winning record."*
- 2. Originally there were far fewer "classifications"/"divisions" in many NCS sports than there are now; three in football, for example. There were therefore more schools wanting an NCS playoff spot and fewer bracket spots available. There were 24 bracket spots in football in the early '90's; there are 80 now. The rule originally was needed to provide some order to answer the question "who can apply for a spot in an NCS playoff bracket?" That "order" is no longer needed.*
- 3. The size of the NCS playoff brackets has expanded; where once there were eight spots, there are now 16. Some brackets in many sports remain unfilled. Every single one of the six brackets in volleyball had at least one open spot; D III had seven open spots in the 16-spot bracket. This proposal is not intended to fill open spots however; it's intended to allay the fears of schools who have decided to develop a challenging schedule for their athletic teams that they won't qualify for NCS playoffs because of that challenging schedule.*
- 4. The wording has changed frequently over the years as the NCS has tried to take the above three points into consideration. Originally the item mandated an overall winning record; then winning record in your division was added; then winning record in your league was added; and this year the NCS is defining "league" for TCAL schools and WACC schools as your record against only the five other schools in your scheduling unit. We continue to try to tweak the rule; instead, let's get rid of the rule.*
- 5. "Competitive equity" has increasingly become a factor in alignment. While it's always been listed as one of two factors in making alignment decisions, in reality geographic proximity was the primary factor. This past realignment however, a majority of the schools in both the Marin/Sonoma conference and the Bayshore Conference realigned with an emphasis on competitive equity. Competitive equity means more schools with tough league schedules. Do we want to encourage those schools to schedule "patsies" in preseason to ensure NCS participation? The NCS should not be doing anything that would discourage schools from making scheduling decisions that emphasize challenging schedules.*
- 6. Two leagues in the Valley Conference are composed almost entirely of D 1 schools; both leagues count among their members some of the best teams in many sports. It's entirely possible that one of their "bottom feeders" is better than some of the other league's league champions. It might be difficult for those schools to qualify for NCS without scheduling some "easy" preseason games.*

*The NCS seeding and at-large committees are doing an excellent job; let them make the at-large decisions unhindered by outdated rules.*

**Motion to support this proposal, for use only in filling a bracket where there are not enough qualifiers using the existing format.**

*Motion: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate*

*Second: Jake Fitzpatrick, Santa Rosa*

*Supported: 6 - 2*

*Rationale: waters down the play-offs, scheduling wins instead of scheduling quality opponents*

**E. RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE BYLAW 15.501 H, DETERMINING ACTION HOME TEAM IN THE SEMIFINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND GAMES IN BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

The DFAL would like to propose a change in the requirements for 15.501H, determining home

team in the semifinal and championship round games in baseball and softball. The proposal is that the home team be determined by highest seed throughout the tournament instead of coin flip. This would be for immediate implementation.

*Rationale: The tournament is pure seeded now. It is difficult to warm up when a team does not know who the home team is until the coin flip. Waiting for the coin flip creates tension that may affect sportsmanship.*

#### **15.500H GAME ADMINISTRATION**

**15.501H/22.501H The following rules are applicable to all North Coast Section baseball (15.501H) and softball (22.501H) playoff games.**

- a) Teams are expected to arrive in uniform. Locker rooms will not be available.
- b) The home team (who bats first and last) ~~during the first round and quarterfinal round (quarterfinal round only applies to a four round tournament)~~ will be determined by the Seeding Committee using the applicable criteria established by the NCS Board of Managers. The following guidelines will be used to determine the home team. Designation of the home team, regardless of what geographical area the contest is played will be as follows:

*All Rounds*

*a. Higher seed*

*b. If neither team is seeded then the team which defeated the higher seeded team shall be the home team*

~~1st and 2nd Rounds~~

~~a. Higher seed~~

~~b. If neither team is seeded then the team which defeated the higher seeded team shall be the home team~~

~~Semifinal and Championship Round Games~~

~~a. Coin flip.~~

*(Board of Managers 10/25/02)*

#### **Motion to support this proposal.**

*Motion: Ty Yanez, Ukiah*

*Second: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate*

*Supported: 8 - 0*

#### **VII. Round table discussion**

#### **DISCUSSION**

The BVAL has asked that there be a discussion of what can be done to deal with what administrators and athletic directors see as a pervasive culture of negative behavior on the part of fans, players, and coaches that are not conducive to sportsmanship and positive participation.

*Notes:*

- *Basketball officials are letting rougher play go uncalled, which has a tendency to incite the crowds*
- *There is a lack of consistency in officiating throughout the section*
- *Now, the most physical team appears to have an advantage*
- *Sportsmanship announcements*
- *Active supervision, not just game-watchers*
- *Can coaches assist with crowd supervision, i.e., in soccer?*
- *Behavior of coaches can incite players, fans, spectators*
- *Teach parents about sportsmanship; use available resources*
- *Encourage section-wide officiating workshops to eliminate discrepancies*
- *Clarification with coaches at pre-season meeting as to what to do during a game where there are issues with the crowd or calls on the floor*
- *Coaches need to remember that their behavior can either incite or calm a crowd*

- *Meeting between student-leaders of each school before the League season*
- *Coaches of other sports teams work with their players about behavior in the stands*

**VI. NBL OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VII. NBL NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Rule Book Orders: Turn in orders, along with a check made out to NBL, to cover the cost of your order, to Jan Smith Billing by March 1. Jan's address is 6052 Dawn Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928. Ideally, bring the order form and the check to the AD meeting on February 26. Santa Rosa's order has already been received.
- B.** Review of NBL Basketball Championships at SRJC:
1. What can we do to eliminate the long lines at the ticket booth? These lines led to frustration on the part of spectators, which in turn led to intimidation of ticket sellers and ticket takers.
  2. Given that we use a very generous gate list, what is the purpose of issuing complimentary tickets to this event? Should we continue to issue 15 complimentary tickets to participating teams?
  3. Has the event gotten so large that we need an assistant site director? Gary did a fantastic job, but I know that he was stretched thin to take care of everything.
  4. What can we do to publicize the admission rules that are unique to NBL events? Signage? Mass e-mails by schools? Ideas?
  5. Who is responsible for monitoring behavior on the part of adults and students waiting to enter the facility?

*Notes:*

- *Hire a person to sell tickets and a person to deal with the money*
- *Separate player/gate entrance*
- *Single ticket, exact change window*
- *Auto-dialers for participating schools*
- *Spectator monitor to direct people to open windows*
- *Extend time between games to thirty minutes*
- *Have the announcer ask crowd to move together*
- *Increase signage around the facility*
- *Assign door monitors (SRJC cadets)*
- *Add a statement on the NBL card that it doesn't include playoffs*
- *Meet with SRJC police before the event*
- *Add to administrative duties to monitor the crowd outside the event*
- *Don't bring brooms, basketballs, air horns, etc. Announce in advance at participating sites.*
- *Use the NCS format for gate lists and eliminate complimentary tickets*

- C.** NBL boys' golf schedule—start times and changes.

*Notes: Once the schedule is set, all other changes must be approved by the principals and ADs.*

**VIII. REPORTS**

- A.** Commissioner  
**B.** Assistant Commissioner

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM**

*Motion: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery*

*Second: Henri Sarlatte*

*Approved: 8 - 0*

**ACTION**

## SCHOOLS AND REPRESENTATIVES

### **Cardinal Newman High School**

Jerry Bonfigli, Athletic Director

### **Casa Grande High School**

Rick O'Brien, Athletic Director

### **Maria Carrillo High School**

Kara Myers, Athletic Director

Jerry Deakins, Athletic Director

### **Montgomery High School**

Chris Giovannini, Athletic Director

Dean Haskins, Athletic Director

### **Rancho Cotate High School**

Henri Sarlatte, Athletic Director

### **Santa Rosa High School**

Jake Fitzpatrick, Athletic Director

### **Ukiah High School**

Ty Yanez, Athletic Director

### **Windsor High School**

Joe Stadum, Athletic Director

### **STAFF:**

Maria Sugiyama, NBL Commissioner of Athletics

Jan Smith Billing, Assistant NBL Commissioner

**Guest:** Russ Peterich, SRCS Athletic Director